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I owe you so much—
for you saved my mama's life—
she was awful sick—the doctor
came and Papa cried—so did I—
The doctor could not help her—
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Prescription—and so she got
well in nough time.

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To Dr. R. V. Pierce.

Enid Decker.

Many mothers of families in the United States have reason to be grateful to the person who recommended Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This is a medicine specially prescribed for diseases of womanhood. It does not cure eczema, catarrh in all its forms, nor heart disease, for it is put up for the single purpose of curing diseases peculiar to women. It has a reputation of over a third of a century of curing, and has sold more largely on this continent than any other medicine for women. Another point in its favor—it does not contain a single drop of alcohol or harmful habit-forming drugs. It is purely vegetable and perfectly harmless in any condition of the system. An alcoholic compound for women is something no woman should take and yet "Favorite Prescription" is the only tonic and nerve put up for sale through druggists, especially for women's weaknesses, that does not contain alcohol and that too in large quantities. Womanly weakness will always bring nervous irritability and a nervous condition, for which alcohol is the worst thing in the world. What a woman thus afflicted needs is a vegetable tonic and invigorating nerve like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which will build up her delicate system and bring about a healthy tone. It cures the drains and weaknesses of women, also displacements, as prolapsus, anteversion, retroversion, irregular and painful periods and kindred ailments. If you want to know what ails you the United States mail will bring you the best medical advice for only the cost of writing materials and stamps.

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The Times' Daily Short Story.

Love Finds a Way

(Original.)

"We four," said the old trapper, "was working together. There was Dave Daugler, twenty years old, as straight as an arrow and handsome as a picture; Lute Brady was forty, red-headed and freckled, while Ole Bruff was fifty, an old fellow, but he was a day. We was eatin' supper one evening when a company of cavalry come along the trail, an' the officer in command stopped an' asked us if we'd seen anything of a party of Indians there was after. Dave knew where they was camped an' 'lowed he'd guide the sojers. Brady an' Bruff an' me 'lowed we'd go 'long an' see the fun, for the Indians had scalped some whites, an' the sojers was goin' to clean 'em out.

"Before sunup the next day the hull crowd of us, cavalry an' all, swooped down on a dozen or more tepees lookin' as quiet as the rest of 'em. The landscape an' killed or run out the hull lot except the women an' children. There was allowed to go where they pleased. There was one ketch that puzzled the cap'n of the troops, an' that was a little white gal about seventeen years old. She'd been taken by the reds a matter of ten years before an' had perty high forgotten the American language. Her skin was a good deal browned, but her tow hair an' blue eyes was just the other thing from horsehair an' copper an' Indians. The cap'n 'lowed he'd have her take her to white people though she didn't want to leave the Indians. We all went back over the trail, an' when we got to our camp Lute Brady told the cap'n that if he'd leave the gal with us one of us would marry her. Lute meant himself, though he didn't have the gall to say so. The cap'n 'lowed he didn't know what he was goin' to do with her when he got her back to the fort, consented.

"Waal, the gal was left on our hands, an' as soon as the cavalry was out of sight Brady 'lowed he was goin' to take the gal into the nearest settlement an' marry her. Ole Bruff spoke up askin' what right Brady had to her more'n the rest of us, an' Brady 'lowed he didn't know any of us wanted her, especially Bruff, who was old enough to be her grandfather. Bruff 'lowed we'd better all be in a game of freeze out for her, an' Brady couldn't very well refuse. So it was agreed that Dave an' Lute an' Ole Bruff should take fifty chips apiece, an' the man that froze out the other two should have the gal. The reason I didn't go in was cause I couldn't; I was hitched already.

"We had chips an' keards—they was the next thing we valued to our guns an' ammunition—an' the three set down to the game. The gal didn't 'pear to understand what was goin' on at first, but when she did not be lieve Brady, an' I caught her lookin' at Dave, she was all right.

A FATAL EXPLOSION

Disaster on Kearsarge Kills Six and Injures Others

POWDER FIRED IN A TURRET

Target Practice Had Just Been Completed for the Day Near Culebra in the Caribbean Sea—Admiral Evans's Report.

Washington, April 15.—Lieut. John McHindings and five men were killed, one officer and one man were probably fatally injured and an officer and several men were slightly injured by an explosion of powder in one of the forward turrets of the battleship Kearsarge at the conclusion of target practice Friday near Culebra, West Indies. The Atlantic fleet had been for weeks engaged in the most severe drills in the waters of the Caribbean sea, culminating in the quarterly target practice.

The news of the disaster came from Guamanera, a little cable station at the mouth of Guantamano bay, indicating that the Kearsarge herself had arrived at that place.

The first feeling of the officers at the navy department after reading the telegram was one of surprise that the accident had resulted in so little loss of life. The Kearsarge's forward turret, where the accident occurred, is of the superimposed type; in other words, an eight-inch gun turret stands upon the top of the 13-inch gun turret. In the lower turret were 24 men, and in the upper turret 16. An ammunition hoist connected the two, and had the powder in the lower turret exploded probably every man in the two turrets would have been killed. The full charge of powder for a 13-inch gun is divided into sections in canvas bags, and three of these, probably just enough to fill one compartment of the ammunition hoist, ignited. As the cablegram states, the exact of the ignition was not known, but the first belief at the navy department is that in cleaning up the turret and throwing open the breeches of the big guns after the last round had been fired some small bit of smoldering canvas bagging was blown out of one of the guns as the breech block was swung around, only to fall upon the loaded ammunition hoist, where the surplus powder was being returned to the magazines below.

Had the remainder of this powder exploded there might have been a repetition of the Missouri disaster, when 26 men were killed in the turret and in the magazines below. The charges were, however, that the cause of the accident in the case of the Missouri was entirely different from that in the case of the Kearsarge, for the breech block of a gun in the Missouri's turret was swung open before the burning powder gases had escaped, resulting in the ignition of the powder in the turret. The charges of officers were quick to guard against a repetition of an accident of that kind by fitting out the big turret guns in the battleships with automatic spraying devices and air blasts which made it impossible to have a "flare back."

TO BUILD A RAILWAY LINE.

Said New York Central Plans to Put Road Through to Bennington.

Bennington, April 15.—A party of surveyors began work Saturday laying out what is understood to be a proposed route to follow the so-called eastern valley from Bennington to Pownal, Vt. The surveyors are at work for the New York Central railroad, and it is understood that the company is contemplating building a steam line to connect North Adams with Bennington. The road that has been surveyed will be about two miles east of the trolley road and will run parallel to its entire length. Where it will run parallel with the Boston & Maine line from Bennington to North Adams, or whether the company will make a deal to run over the tracks of the Boston & Maine company from Pownal to North Adams, are as yet problematical. The line, if built, will give the New York Central through route from New York City to Montreal.

That the Consolidated company, which now controls the Hoosac Valley Street Railway in North Adams, intends to push the completion of tracks to Bennington, according to the plans laid out by the former company is not doubted, as it has surveyed at work laying out a new route into Bennington, which will do away with the South street hill in Bennington and enter that town over the Cooper's bridge. It is the approach to this bridge which is now being surveyed. The change in the route will necessitate the purchase of more private land.

FORMOSA SUFFERS AGAIN.

Earthquake Said to Be Worse Than the Previous Disastrous One.

Tokio, April 15.—A violent earthquake occurred Saturday morning in the southern part of the island of Formosa. The casualties and damage done are reported to be heavier than those of the last earthquake.

As a result of the earthquake in Formosa last month 1,014 persons were killed, 695 were injured, and 3,200 houses were demolished. The damage done was roughly estimated at \$45,000,000.

Honesty Nets Boy a Thousand.

Mexico City, April 15.—H. H. Rogers, Jr., of New York, son of the Standard Oil millionaire, who is in Mexico with his wife, lost a roll of a few thousand dollars in United States currency in this city. The money was found by a boy of the poor class, who hunted up Mr. Rogers and returned it to him.

Mr. Rogers gave the boy a reward of \$1,000 in Mexican money.

Ice Out of Lake Champlain.

Rundell, April 15.—Broken up by the warm weather of the past few days, the ice went out of Lake Champlain Saturday. This is about two weeks later than the usual time for the lake to become open. Navigation began today.

CORDIAL INVITATION 600 RAILROAD MEN GET RAISE

Addressed to Working Girls. Miss Barrows Tells How Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Helps Working Girls.



Girls who work are particularly susceptible to female ailments, especially those who are obliged to stand on their feet from morning until night in stores or factories. Day in and day out the girl toils, and she is often the bread-winner of the family. Whether she is sick or well, whether it rains or shines, she must get to her place of employment, perform the duties exacted of her—sustain and be agreeable.

Among this class the symptoms of female diseases are early manifest by weak and aching backs, pain in the lower limbs and lower part of the stomach. In consequence of frequent walking and standing, and frequently sitting and lying down, and frequently there are faint and dizzy spells, with loss of appetite, until life is a burden. All these symptoms point to a derangement of the female organism which can be easily and promptly cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Miss Abby F. Barrows, Nelsonville, Athens Co., Ohio, tells what this great medicine did for her. She writes:

"I feel it my duty to tell you the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. Before I took them I was very nervous, had dull headaches, pains in back, and periods were irregular. I had been to several doctors, and they did me no good.

"Your medicine has made me well and strong. I can do most any kind of work without complaint, and my periods are all right.

"I am in better health than I ever was, and I know it is due to your remedies. I recommend your advice and medicine to all who suffer."

It is to such girls that Mrs. Pinkham holds out a helping hand, and extends a cordial invitation to correspond with her. She is daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham and for twenty-five years has been advising sick women free of charge. Her long record of success in treating woman's life makes her letters of advice of untold value to every ailing working girl. Address, Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.

TOWNE WIELDS THE MUCK RAKE

Is Going Back to Expose President Roosevelt.

Representative Charles A. Towne of New York, responding to a toast at Kansas City, Mo., Friday night, at the Jefferson-day banquet, went outside his seat to eulogize William J. Bryan and to bitterly attack President Roosevelt. Both sentiments aroused enthusiasm, reference to the Nebraska ending in a demonstration that amounted to an uproar. Mr. Towne did not refer to Mr. Bryan by name, but as "our great standard-bearer of 1896."

He referred to Bryan's free silver doctrines and said that a predicted panic did not occur because of changes. Her long record of success in treating woman's life makes her letters of advice of untold value to every ailing working girl. Address, Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.

Then Mr. Towne attacked President Roosevelt. "I'm going to take you into my confidence this much," said the speaker, "by telling you that I am going back to Washington with the avowed purpose of exposing President Roosevelt. He is the greatest promoter and smallest performer since the days of Judas Iscariot. He is the greatest legislative program from a national democratic platform, and has now laid down on his own bill; he sends for legislators and lectures them like boys. And his tools—consider them for a minute. They are a speaker and a degenerate House. Nowadays there are three steps in making legislation: getting the bill introduced, getting it passed in the House and Senate. I get no show in the House. I might as well make a power of attorney to the speaker and go back home and get to work. I would not say in Congress or in the democratic party if I did not believe that democracy will eventually triumph in national affairs."

King of Saxony Wants a Divorce.

Dresden, April 15.—King Frederick of Saxony, notwithstanding the denials is endeavoring to obtain from the pope the ecclesiastical sanction for a divorce from Countess Montignoso in order to be able to marry again. Countess Montignoso was formerly Crown Princess Louise, wife of Crown Prince Frederick, now king of Saxony. In 1902 she eloped with Prof. Giron, and has since been living in Italy.

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Central Vermont Employees Get Concessions

AGREEMENT IS SIGNED

Agreement in This Respect Dates Back to April 1—Applies to Conductors, Trainmen, Engineers and Firemen.

St. Albans, April 15.—Committees representing the conductors, trainmen, engineers and the firemen who have been negotiating with officials of the Central Vermont Railway Company for some time, reached a satisfactory settlement for readjustment of wages and working conditions Saturday and signed a contract with the management, effective April 1, carrying a slight increase in wages for 600 men on the entire system from New London, Ct., to St. Johns, Que., and betterment in working conditions. They refuse to make public the exact terms. The contract defines what constitutes a day's work, classifies runs and fixes matter of promotion. It is understood that the new wage schedule compares favorably with that of all the large railroad systems of the country.

CHALLENGED TO FIGHT.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Dalbaitte Town Council.

The following clipping is from the Glasgow Weekly Mail and the characters in it may be known to some of the people of Barre:

An extraordinary scene occurred at Monday night's meeting of Dalbaitte town council. Captain Dorman demurred to an agreement which the sanitary committee had come to with Bailie McClymont, when the latter jumped to his feet and said he would say the same as some people who were told to concrete—viz., the council could do it. After further discussion, both men arose at once and began to speak, and Provost Dave remarked: "Step it, Captain Dorman—Bailie McClymont going to have the whole council to himself? There is never a time I try to speak but he goes for me. Bailie McClymont (striking the table)—I ask you to withdraw that, it's not true. Captain Dorman—It's pretty near the truth. Bailie McClymont—No sensible man would talk like him, but he's got his say, and that's sufficient. Captain Dorman—D—It come out into the lobby. You wouldn't come, though; you would run away. Bailie McClymont—I appeal to you as gentlemen, will you allow that? Several members rose to a point of order. Bailie McClymont (appealing)—I want to know if that conduct is to be allowed, and I am to be challenged to go outside. If so, I'm not going to sit at this table. I think the council should put its foot down, and you, Provost, should not allow it.

"You Are a Coward."

The Provost—We are all apt to lose our heads at times. Captain Dorman—I haven't lost my head. It's as sound as ever it was. Bailie McClymont—Are we to sit here as a parcel of gentlemen and listen to that man? I have borne with it all along, but if the Captain is to sit there challenging people out to fight, it is time there was no town council in Dalbaitte. Councillor Clark—We need not go. Bailie McClymont—No. I have more respect for myself. Captain Dorman—You wouldn't go. You are a coward. Bailie McClymont—You're a captain, used to sweeping the decks, but you won't sweep us. Captain Dorman—It doesn't take a coward to do that. The Provost again appealed for quiet. Captain Dorman—If you don't shut up I'll shut you up. Bailie McClymont—You will? Captain Dorman—I will in two minutes. Come outside—The Provost—You are forgetting yourselves. Bailie McClymont—I have more sense. Outside. Do you think I would hit a hand to you? When the meeting adjourned Captain Dorman attempted to stop Bailie McClymont at the top of the stairs, stating that he wished to speak to him, but the Bailie ran down the steps, laughing sarcastically, and the Captain cried after him: "You're a coward."

FELL FROM FLYING MACHINE.

Israel Ludlow Probably Fatally Injured at Atlantic Beach, Fla.

New York, April 15.—Israel Ludlow of New York, inventor of the aeroplane, was so badly injured by a fall at Atlantic Beach, Fla., Saturday that he will probably die. Mr. Ludlow has been making ascensions in his aeroplane at Atlantic Beach as one of the features of the automobile races. Saturday, in tow of two automobiles, he ascended to a height of 150 or 200 feet when his aeroplane encountered a strong south wind which carried him down with such force that it broke and the wings of the aeroplane shot in, pinning him to his seat. With his occupant pinned in the aeroplane fell to the beach. Two of Mr. Ludlow's vertebrae were knocked out of line, paralyzing his lower limbs. He was taken Saturday night to New York to secure the attention of a specialist.

BIG STRIKE IN WEST VIRGINIA.

11,000 Miners Affected—Operators Flatly Refuse Demand for 1903 Scale.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 15.—The United mine workers' convention of sub-district No. 3 met Saturday at Wheeling, to receive the answer of the operators to the demand of the 1903 scale made upon them Friday. The answer was a flat refusal to grant the demands and instead an offer to arbitrate on the lines proposed by John H. Winder was presented. This the miners would not accede to. The operators then withdrew, and a strike was declared. Eleven thousand miners are affected in the sub-district, which includes Belmont, Harrison and Jefferson counties in Ohio and Brooke, Ohio and Marshall in West Virginia. Strike headquarters will be opened in Wheeling.

GORKY'S FAMILY AFFAIRS.

Author Indignant at Report That His Companion Is Not His Wife.

New York, April 15.—When Maxim Gorky arrived in this country last Tuesday he stated to the immigration officials that he was accompanied by Mrs. Gorky, Saturday morning the statement was published that his companion was not his legal wife, who with his children remain in Russia. As a result of this publication Gorky at New York Saturday issued a statement, which (translated reads as follows:

"I think this disagreeable act against me could not have come from the American people. My respect for them does not allow me to suspect that they lack so much courtesy in their treatment of women. I think that this dirt is conspired by the friends of the Russian government. My wife is my wife—the wife of Maxim Gorky. She and I both consider it the lowest to go into any explanation about this. Every one may say about us what he pleases. For us remains to overlook the gossip of others. The best people of all lands will be with us."

The published story went on to say that the Mrs. Gorky who is now with the author is Andreia, a Russian actress, with whom he has lived since his separation from his wife about three years ago. The explanation was made that being unable to secure a divorce in Russia because of the strong official feeling against him, Gorky secured a divorce in Finland and was married to Andreia before a notary. When approached on this subject Saturday Gorky said: "The publication of such a libel is a dishonor to the American press, and I am surprised that in a country famed for its love of fair play and its reverence for women, such a slandering rumor should have gained credence. Since as this should have gained credence, I am my wife. No law that was ever devised or made by man can make her more so than she is now. The insinuation that the relations existing between us are illicit is a base calumny. Never was union between man and woman more holy and moral than that of ours."

The Gorky party left the Hotel Belleville Saturday, at the request of the proprietor, and went to the residence of Gaylord Wilshire in West Ninety-third street, as the guest of Mr. Wilshire.

John Mitchell, president of the united mine workers of America, announced at New York Saturday after hearing the story that he would be unable to meet Maxim Gorky, the Russian author, as had been planned. He said that a great pressure of work kept him from accepting at this time Gorky's invitation to a conference upon labor questions.

GORKY AND MME. ANDREIEVA.

What Is Said in St. Petersburg About Their Relations.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Mme. Andreieva, who is said to have accompanied Maxim Gorky to the United States, is one of the best-known actresses in Russia. Up to a few months ago no divorce from his wife had been granted Gorky, but it is alleged his relations with her have been severed, though he is still supporting her and their two children in St. Petersburg. It is also said that Mrs. Gorky fully understood the relations existing between Gorky and Mme. Andreieva, but that nevertheless she was extremely devoted to Gorky. After the tragedy of "Red Sunday" Gorky is alleged to have been with Mme. Andreieva when he was taken into custody and brought to the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. Mrs. Gorky then bent her every energy to secure his release. She journeyed from official to official, supplicating on bended knee the release of the novelist, whose life she insisted would be jeopardized if he remained in the damp dungeons of the fortress. The night he was released, Mrs. Gorky saw him only for a few moments, and it is said he then returned to Riga, where he met Mme. Andreieva. In justice to Gorky, however, it should be stated that the police insisted that he should leave St. Petersburg immediately. Gorky, it is alleged, spent last summer in Finland with Mme. Andreieva.

Knives Out for Him.

W. F. Hall, a young barber, will put on a sketch at a local theatre soon. No, it will not be a curtain raiser—Denver Post.

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"I was taken with epileptic fits; had eleven in less than 12 hours. My father sent for our family physician, but he could do very little for me, and I grew worse every day, and at last they had three doctors with me, and I still got worse. My father heard of Dr. Miles' medicine and bought a bottle of Nerve and a box of Nerve and Liver Pills. I had taken only a few doses until I began to feel better. I took 12 bottles, and it cured me sound and well. It has been worth all the world to me. I recommend it wherever I go. You may use this as a life-long testimonial to the merits of your medicine, for I am enjoying the best of health, and feel that my life and health is due to this wonderful medicine."

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FATAL PANIC IN A CHURCH.

Four Persons Killed as the Result of a False Cry of Fire.

Chicago, April 15.—A panic following a prankish cry of "fire" by a boy Saturday night while 400 persons were participating in Easter-eve services at Ludwigs Roman Catholic church, Twenty-fourth street and Albany avenue, Chicago, resulted in the death of Emma Polka, Lillie Cunniff and Barbara Hermann, children, and Mrs. Kate Kanis, and the injury of a score of persons, several seriously. There was no fire. Most of the worshippers in the church were women and children and in a few minutes all were in a tangled mass fighting to escape from supposed danger.

Many persons jumped through windows, but the greater portion crowded to the centre aisle. The extra weight proved too much for the floor, and some of the joists broke. The cracking of the timbers increased the fright of the terrified women and children, and everyone fought desperately to reach the streets. When the church was finally emptied three children lay trampled to death in the aisles. Mrs. Kanis died of hemorrhages on the way to the hospital. Those most seriously injured are Jessie Lesak, five years old, internally injured; Mary die; Albert Chermak, internally; Mrs. Anna Sedak, internally, may die.

Rev. Mr. Farnik was offering prayer when a crowd of boys outside the church pushed open the front door and shouted "Fire!" Seeing the serious effect his word had on the congregation the lay ran away. The pastor and the others vainly tried to quiet the congregation, explaining that there was no danger, and those who had no fear were trampled by those who were frightened.

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